

**California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative**  
**Submitting Tribal Information for Inclusion in the**  
**Marine Life Protection Act North Coast Regional Profile**

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The California Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) Initiative has developed a regional profile for the MLPA North Coast Study Region (California-Oregon Border to Alder Creek), the purpose of which is to provide an overview of the features and characteristics of the study region to help better inform the design of marine protected areas (MPAs).

Tribal members of the MLPA North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (NCRSG) voiced concerns that the regional profile needed to include tribal information unedited by MLPA Initiative staff. In response to this concern, an appendix will be added to the regional profile that includes information submitted by California tribes and tribal communities and their citizens. California tribes and tribal communities have been invited to share information that helps inform marine protected area (MPA) planning for inclusion in the north coast regional profile.

**What is the MLPA North Coast Regional Profile?**

The regional profile provides background information to be used during the MLPA Initiative's MPA planning process in the MLPA North Coast Study Region. As part of a joint fact-finding effort, communities and members of the public were invited to review the document (with associated appendices and maps) and provide additional information or suggestions for improvement in order to provide the best readily available information to stakeholders and decision-makers within the planning process. You can find the most current version of the regional profile here <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/ncprofile.asp>. Comments on the draft regional profile submitted by January 15, 2010 were included in a second version of the profile in February 2010.

**What tribal information is already included in the regional profile?**

The regional profile has two sections related to north coast tribes and tribal communities. Section 5.2 focuses on California tribes and tribal people and provides some historical context, information on present day tribes and tribal uses, and information on marine and coastal resources. Section 7.1 focuses on tribal governments and jurisdictions. You can view the second edition of the regional profile and the sections related to tribes on the MLPA website at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/ncprofile.asp>.

**What is the process for submitting information for the new appendix?**

To ensure the regional profile contains comprehensive and accurate information regarding the relationship California tribes and tribal communities have with ocean resources, information for the California Tribes and Tribal Communities Appendix should be submitted by Thursday, April 1, 2010. Information can be sent via email (preferred), mail or fax:

Email: [MLPAComments@resources.ca.gov](mailto:MLPAComments@resources.ca.gov)

Mail: Marine Life Protection Act Initiative  
c/o California Natural Resources Agency  
ATTN: Regional Profile Additions  
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Fax: 916.653.8102  
Attention: MLPA Initiative

### **What type of information is most helpful?**

Suggestions for useful types of information include:

- An overview about your tribe or tribal community, including geographic location, ancestral territory, and key coastal areas for tribal uses
- Historical and current relationship with coastal marine resources
- Specific information about the type of resources utilized or valued by your tribe, how your tribe uses those resources and where along the coast those uses occur

### **How will this information be used?**

The information collected will be included as part of the California Tribes and Tribal Communities Appendix. Submissions will not be edited, so please be sure to submit information as you would like to see it printed in the regional profile appendix; clearly define any terms, abbreviations or acronyms with which the general public may not be familiar. The MLPA Initiative would like to acknowledge shared information might be confidential in nature and may not be appropriate for inclusion in a public document, but may still be useful to the MPA planning process; please contact Marine Planner Dominique Monie, at 805.692.1413 to discuss this further.

### **What if I already submitted information for inclusion in the regional profile?**

Tribes and tribal communities that have submitted information for the original January 15 deadline are invited to revise and resubmit information. Alternatively, previously submitted content may be included in the California Tribes and Tribal Communities Appendix as previously submitted; it would be most helpful if those tribes and tribal communities that have already submitted content would contact MLPA Initiative staff to indicate whether new information should be expected or to include previously submitted information.

### **Who can I contact for more information?**

For questions regarding the regional profile, how to submit information or any other questions, please contact Dominique Monie at 805.692.1413 or [DominiqueMonie@gmail.com](mailto:DominiqueMonie@gmail.com). You may also contact one of the MLPA North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group tribal representatives (see contact list enclosed).

**For more information, please visit <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa>**